

WHEREAS, The American Podiatry Association has declared the week of May 9-15, 1978, as Foot Health Week; and,

WHEREAS, The podiatrist is one of the partners on the health service team and is intimately concerned with the dramatic changes and the need for improvement in the delivery of health care; and,

WHEREAS, The members of the American Podiatry Association and the South Dakota Association of Podiatrists recognize that the health care systems of the 1970's require inter-professional collaboration on an unprecedented scale; and,

WHEREAS, The podiatrist is concerned with the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of foot disorders by medical and surgical means; and,

WHEREAS, The 1971 White House Conference on Aging has stated that quality foot care is a required element of any comprehensive program for the aged; and,

WHEREAS, The United States National Center for Health Statistics has stated that one of the leading causes of activity limitation in older people is impairment of the lower extremities; and,

WHEREAS, Many adult foot ailments, like other bodily ills, have their origins in childhood and periodic professional attention and regular good foot care can minimize these problems in later life; and,

WHEREAS, The foot is the barometer of overall bodily health as many disorders and abnormal conditions are often first detected in the foot; and,

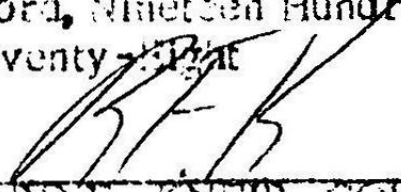
WHEREAS, The treatment provided by the podiatrist can make an important contribution to an individual's total health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 1978, a

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in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to observe it as a routine part of their health care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-eight.

  
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
LORNA E. HERSEITH, SECRETARY OF STATE